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Sub:- Additionals funds for the Construction of drinking water wells and for granting advances for earthwork to minor tanks in affected Localities.

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GENERAL AND REVENUE SECRETARIAT.

Serial Nos. 1 to 3.

Part B. for October 1908.

SUBJECT.

additional funds for the Construction of drinking water wells & for granting advances for earthwork to minor tanks in affected localities

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1) From the Rev. Commr. in Mysore No D 1 d/ 25/10/08. Invites attention to Tumkur Dy Commr's letter No 168 d/ 22.10.08 & recommends for sanction of funds to the above purpose

2) From the same Officer No D2 d/ 26.10.08 forwards copy of letter No C105 d/ 22.10.06 from the Dy Commr Kolar on the present

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Seasonal Conditions of the District & suggests that in addition to the increased grant of one lakh proposed for works under the minor tanks Restoration Scheme, additional funds should be sanctioned under Dist Funds & loans &c

3) To the Rev Comr, Dy Comrs of Dists, Comptroller & the Chief Engineer — no

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in view of the unfavourable state of the seasonal conditions a sum of Rs 20000 from local funds generally for the construction of drinking water wells & a sum of Rs 100,000 for advances to ryots for the execution of earthwork to minor tanks

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GENERAL AND REVENUE SECRETARIAT

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FILE HEADING.

Sanctioning additional funds for the construction of drinking water wells & for granting advances for earthwork to minor tanks in affected localities

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NOTES AND ORDERS.

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NOTES—First sheet.

GPB—30,000—3-4-07.

Extract from the Proceedings of the 215th Meeting of the Council of His Highness the Maharaja, held at Bangalore on the 27th Oct 1908.

I. Subject. - (Clause iii of Schedule).

× Papers under disposal

The Revenue Commissioner's letters Nos. D_1 × and D_2 dated the 25th October 1908, making certain remarks and proposals on the reports of the Deputy Commissioners of Tumkur and Kolar on the season conditions in their districts.

OPINION.

The Revenue Commissioner asks in the above communications for additional funds as show below:-

1) Rs.20,000 under "District Funds" for carrying out works of public utility such as drinking water wells, and other works of sanitation in Municipalities and Unions and other parts of Districts generally;

2)

Serial No.

~~1~~ Letter no 160 dy 22nd October 1908 from the Dy. Comr Tumkur District.

Forwards copy of his report no 266 dy 21st inst to the Rev Comr on the Season Conditions of the Distt and requests that a sum of Rs 10,000 on account of earth-work & minor tanks & another 2000/- on account of the petty sanitary works be placed at his disposal.

~~2~~ Letter no D-1 dy 25th October 1908 from the Rev Comr. ~~to~~

Invites attention to the above letter and recommends that funds (a) for carrying out works of public utility such as drinking water wells &c. (b) for the grant of loans for the improvement of lands and for irrigation wells and (c) for the grant of Takavi advances, may be placed at the disposal of Dy. Comrs.

2 ~~3~~. Letter no D-2 dy 26th Oct 08 from the Rev Comr

Forwards copy of letter no C 105 dy 22nd Oct 08 from the Dy. Comr, Kolar Dt on the present Seasonal Conditions of the District and suggests that in

2) Rs.30,000 for the grant of loans for the improvement of lands and for irrigation wells, and for the grant of takavi advances;

3) a sum of one lakh of rupees in addition to the one lakh already provided in the current year's budget under the Minor Tanks Restoration Scheme.

As regards item No.1, it is observed that District and Municipal funds are at the disposal of the respective local bodies, and it is for the Deputy Commissioners as Presidents thereof to consult the Boards concerned and submit the necessary applications to Government for sanction for expenditure from those sources. As regards Local Funds General, the balance at its credit is already unduly low, namely, only Rs.59,164; but as it is desirable that Deputy Commissioners should be in a position to arrange for works of more or less general utility, such as drinking water wells, being promptly undertaken in the affected tracts, a sum of Rs.20,000 may be sanctioned from Local Funds General for the purpose to be distributed by the Revenue Commissioner from time to time among the Districts concerned.

Item 2, loans. A sum of Rs.90,750 x has been separately allotted by Government for granting loans for sinking irrigation wells, land improvement

including Rs. 22,000 for special loans already granted.

loans, and takavi advances. The Revenue Commissioner may be asked to fully utilize this amount, making such re-allotments among the different districts, and also among the different heads of loans, as circumstances may require; when this becomes exhausted, he may submit a further application for funds, which the Government will favourably consider.

Item 3, Minor Tanks Works. The provision of one lakh made in the current year's budget is intended to meet the cost of masonry and stone work to be undertaken by Government agency under the Minor Tanks Restoration Scheme. It is understood from the Revenue Commissioner's letter that a sum of Rs.43,211 has been appropriated for incomplete works of the previous year and that there is a sum of Rs.56,789 available for fresh works. As the bulk of the provision is still unexpended, the question of making an additional grant under this head will be considered after the provision already made becomes nearly exhausted.

What is more important at the present juncture, in the opinion of the Council, is that the Deputy Commissioners should be in a position to make advances to raiyats for earth work to minor tanks in localities where there may be a demand for labour, and thereby afford encouragement and relief to villagers. The Government may therefore, over and above the provision of one lakh already made under the Minor Tanks Restoration Scheme, sanction a lakh for such advances, the question of excusing in special cases the obligation to make re-payment being considered later on. The Comptroller will be requested to make the necessary additional provision on this account in the Ways and Means estimate and place the same at the disposal of the Revenue Commissioner.

Sd. V.P.Madhava Rao,
Dewan of Mysore.

"Extract"

Secretary to Government.

Submitted to His Highness.

The recommendations contained in the accompanying Resolution of the Council in connection with certain proposals received from the Revenue Commissioner by way of preparation for a season of drought and scarcity, may be sanctioned.

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Record of Cases submitted for the Orders of His Highness the Maharaja.

Subject.

Revenue Commissioner's application for additional funds in connection with the present seasonal conditions.

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	Prepare draft—quickly, & send it to the Jt Asst Secy for any necessary revision; & let me have it in the course of the day.
	30.10.08
	Submitted with a draft for approval (~~A fair copy of the draft will be made after approval~~)
	RR. 30.10.08. Secy/ & 30/10/08
	Secy's order — "Issue in MS, and then print."
3	To Rev Comr Dy Comr of Sh. Comptroller No R 2524 57 d 31-10-08
	Sanctions Rs 20,000 for the construction of drinking water wells in affected tracts & one lakh rupees for giving advances to the ryots for Earth work to minor tanks.

NOTE—Contn. sheet.

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No. D-1.

OFFICE OF THE REV. COMR. IN MYSORE,
Bangalore, 25th October 1908.

FROM

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A. RANGASWAMI IYENGAR, ESQ., B.A., B.L.,
Revenue Commissioner in Mysore.

TO

The Secretary to the Government of
His Highness the Maharaja of Mysore,
General & Revenue Departments.

SIR,

I have the honor to invite the attention of Government to the Tumkur District Deputy Commissioner's letter of the 21st October 1908 addressed to you regarding the Season Conditions of his District and to state that up to the 23rd instant there has been no report of any general fall of rain in the Tumkur District or for that matter in any other District from which a decided improvement in the agricultural prospects over any large area can be predicated. I beg to

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From

A. RANGASWAMI IYENGAR, Esq., B.A., B.L.,
Revenue Commissioner
in Mysore.

No. 69-08

To

The Secretary to the Government of
H. H. the Maharaja of Mysore,
General & Revenue Departments.

Dated 25th
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recommend therefore that the Government may be pleased to place at the disposal of the Deputy Commissioners funds (a) for carrying out works of public utility such as drinking water wells and other works of Sanitation in Municipalities and Unions and other parts of the Districts generally, (b) for the grant of loans for the improvement of lands and for irrigation wells, and (c) for the grant of Takavi advances.

This will also be a good opportunity for giving a stimulus to the repair and restoration of minor tanks. I would not at present advocate the free grant of money by Government for carrying out Earthwork, as suggested by the Deputy Commissioner in para 7 of his letter. There can be no doubt that in the present state of things the villagers would readily agree to take such advances as loans and we may decide later on in what cases the obligation for repayment should be excused. The Deputy Commissioner may however be allowed discretion to waive the liability and to allow a free grant of funds for Earthwork where they may consider it absolutely necessary. In this connection I may state that out of ~~the~~ one lac of Rupees provided in the current year's Budget under the Minor Tank Restoration Scheme, a sum of Rs 43,211/- has been appropriated for incomplete works of the previous year and there remains only Rs 56,789/- available for fresh works. I would recommend that the Government may be pleased to provide an additional sum of one lac for this purpose.

As a rule the Revenue

Officers are very chary in dealing with applications for loans under Land Improvement Loans Regulation, Takavi Rules &c, but this is a time when they should not only be prompt and liberal in dealing with such requisitions but should also go out of their way to advise and encourage the ryots to apply for such loans. I would therefore suggest that the draft Rules which I submitted for the orders of Government may be taken up for consideration and passed early. If any points should be found to require further discussion, the Rules may at least be tentatively passed during the present crisis.

4. If the amount of funds which can be sanctioned under the different heads above enumerated be intimated to me, I shall place myself in communication with the Deputy Commissioners and allot the grants according to their requirements.

In para 12, the Deputy Commissioner strongly urges the need for a capable Assistant Commissioner Magistrate with first class and appellate powers for charge of the District Treasury. This is absolutely necessary not only in the case of the Tumkur District but also especially of Kolar and Chitaldrug Districts, the Shimoga District having already a capable man in Mr. K. Srinivasa Rao. It is very desirable to revert Mr. Vedantadesigam Iyengar from the Police to the Revenue Department for the charge of the Kolar District Treasury, and transfer, if possible, Mr. M. A. Narayana Iyengar to the Tumkur District as requested by the Deputy Commissioner. As regards Chitaldrug, I shall address the Government again after consulting the Deputy Commissioner.

I have the honor to be
Sir,
Your Most Obedient Servant

Revenue Commissioner

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Deputy Commissioner's office, Tumkur
Dated the 22nd October 1908.

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From

K.Doraswami Iyer Esqr.,
Deputy Commissioner
Tumkur District.

TO

K.S.Chandrasekhara Iyer Esqr., B.A.B.L.,
Secretary to the Government of
H. H. the Maharaja of Mysore,
General & Revenue Departments,
BANGALORE.

Sir

I have the honour to forward herewith copy of my report No.255 dated the 21st instant to the Revenue Commissioner on the season conditions of this District.

I have the honour to be
Sir
Your most obedient servant

K Doraswami Iyer
Deputy Commissioner.

No: 255

Deputy Commissioner's office, Tumkur
Dated the 21st October 1908.

From

K.Doraswami Iyer Esqr.,
Deputy Commissioner
Tumkur District.

TO

A.Rangaswami Iyengar Esqr., B.A.B.L.,
Revenue Commissioner in Mysore,
BANGALORE.

Sir

I have the honour to intimate formally that the season conditions are getting more and more discouraging. The much hoped for rain has disappointed so far. There was not even a passing shower anywhere last week. The supply of water and fodder is daily getting scantier. The standing crops are withering. The cooly classes and the poorer section of the agriculturists are just beginning to feel the pinch. The Municipal and Local Fund works and the minor tank works contribute their share to relieve the pinch but that contribution is small and needs considerable extension.

2. Both wet and dry crops are affected. Tracts which had the recent rains will be in the same plight as those which were earlier favoured if more rain does not come during the next 10 or 15 days.

3. The supply in the markets is falling off. It is just the beginning now. At Tumkur however it was markedly felt at the last Sante. Some of the local merchants were induced to import grain and some 20,000 seers of Ragi and 20,000 seers of Rice have arrived for the next Sante. There are still all the signs of coming rain and this prospect makes the merchants averse to importing grain in large quantities for fear of prices falling. Tumkur Taluk is comparitively better off than any other Taluk in the District

and the reason for the market getting so scantily supplied here and so soon, is found in the fact that the great majority of the merchants are brokers who do very little stocking. Their trade mainly lies in exporting to distant places what is grown in the District.

4. In many places date leaves and leaves of road-side trees have been permitted to be taken to supplement fodder supply. Applications from some Taluks have arrived for permission to allow free grazing in Amritmahal Kavals and State Forests. I have already obtained from the Forest Department a list of the Forests that can be made available for the purpose. People are still backward in applying for loans for purchasing and stocking fodder as they are still in hopes of rains. They are equally backward in coming up for loans under the other heads of the Takavi Rules. However all that is possible is being done in regard to the disposal of these allotments. They are not sanctioned yet but I have been anticipating sanction and doing needful.

5. The Budget sanctions under Municipal and Local Funds and Local Funds General are by no means sufficient to meet the daily increasing demand for drinking water and I beg to apply hereby under section 262 of the Famine Code for an allotment of Rs.10000/-. I have already diverted to well works the allotments for roads, cattle pounds &c in the Municipal and Local Fund Budgets.

6. In regard to the works in progress in the Public Works Department the Executive Engineer has already made labour available for the ordinary cooly and ryot. In the way of expanding the works of the Public Works Department for finding additional room for labour I have requested the Executive Engineer to put in hand some more of his sanctioned works. The Superintending Engineer has been asked to put in hand the Vadavanaghatta tank in Mayasandra Hobli of Turuvekere Sub Taluk even if it should not be in his current year's Budget and I am expecting his answer. I am just countersigning an estimate for the repairs of Mayasandra tank channels. Conditions in this Hobli are somewhat more acute than elsewhere.

7. The time for Test works and Relief works has not arrived and I am hoping that it may not arrive at all but we cannot allow the ryot and labourer to become discouraged beyond the limits of perfect recovery. With the majority of the hand-to-mouth class, callousness is synonymous with hopeless helplessness. Now is the time to take them in hand and tide them over a bad season. I would suggest that our rule in regard to the earth-work to minor tanks be waived for the time and funds sanctioned for carrying on that work. There need be no fear of creating an undesirable precedent for we would not sanction funds like this under ordinary circumstances. There are many minor tanks scattered over the District and we are sure to find one in almost every locality where relief is needed. There is no work which cheers up the poor villager so much as a tank work. Here is a tank which he has to do up himself and here comes the Government to pay him for the work and afford him occupation and livelihood and the graciousness does not stop there but proceeds to secure him an enduring benefit.

8. Small sanitary works not already in the Famine Relief Programmes may be necessary here and there such as filling ditches, removing noxious vegetation &c.

9. I would suggest that a sum of Rs.10,000/- on account of earth-work to minor tanks and another 2000/- on account of the petty sanitary works be placed at my disposal.

10. The prices of food stuffs have gone up. It does not affect the grower or merchant but does affect all others. The ryot perhaps is better off now for money than before. It is noticed that prices have been ranging high and have not shown a marked fall even in good years. The reason seems to me to be that once the grower has obtained a good price he tries to stick to it in future. Competition does come in to lower the prices but it has to combat the natural inclination above mentioned and is not able therefore to bring down the prices to the same level of similarly conditioned previous years. The taste of money that comes to the

ryot with handling it and providing himself with comforts unknown before and his experience of the ease with which he can pay up his dues in the way of Kandayam and yet find himself in funds makes him stick to his price. The result of it all is that the consumer suffers and especially the consumer whose income is not elastic for instance the official class. To the official the purchasing value of his rupee has gone down with the rise in prices and he needs relief. A tabular statement showing the particulars required by the Famine Code and by the Civil Account Code is under preparation and will be submitted in due course. The limit of pay wherein the "Compensation allowance" is permissible must be considered too low from present stand-points. I will refer again to this matter in the communication promised above.

11. I must bring to notice prominently my opinion of the present day Amildar. Ability and capacity and above all a cheerful interest in the work, which used to be the rule once are rather the exception now. In the present men there is no doubt a higher degree of University Education but decidedly less of Observation and Common-sense and of that downright dogged sense of duty to the Government and the country which characterised the old type of Amildar and made up for his other deficiencies. In order to revive a healthy sense of duty and secure efficiency it might be necessary to invest Deputy Commissioners with powers to punish Amildars and Deputy Amildars substantially. To prevent a possible abuse of power it can be laid down that every instance of the exercise of the power should be reported in full to Government forthwith.

12. In view of the constant touring before me I must have at Head Quarters an able Assistant Commissioner exercising 1st class magisterial powers and fit to be invested with the power to hear appeals and one or two other necessary scheduled powers. Mr.M.A. Narayana Iyengar stands posted to this District upon relief of Mr.Chandy at Shemoga by Mr.M.Narayana Rao. As Mr.Narayana Rao has taken some leave it will be some time before Mr.Chandy goes to relieve Mr.Narayana Iyengar, [illegible] I beg that Mr.Narayana Iyengar

may be ordered to join here at once and I beg also that I may be permitted to put either him or Mr.Thumboo Chetty in charge of the Treasury as I want a [illegible] Assistant Commissioner there to guide my office during my frequent and prolonged absences and to take over the Criminal cases of the touring Sub Divisional officers.

13. I beg that the allotments asked above may be sanctioned. It is just as likely that the rains which are still before us will come and lead to the moneys being refunded unspent. Some 3 or 4 good showers which we are still hopeful of getting will alter the situation quite.

I have the honour to be

Sir

Your most obedient servant

Sd/. K.DORASWAMI IYER

Deputy Commissioner.

" Copy "

Aug 27 1903

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yesterday a copy of my letter
to the Rev. Comr. about season &
conditions. I forgot to mark it
"Confidential". Will you kindly
rectify my omission. There
is every sure sign of
coming rain but not the rain
itself yet. A few good showers
will remove every trace of
anxiety & completely set us up.

There is no reason for alarm
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still ~~hopeful~~ [illegible] In a day or so
hence we shall be able to know
definitely whether it is going to be
distress or not.

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men that I used to see some
8 or 10 years ago.

Yours sincerely
K Do[illegible]

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~~Office of the~~ Rev. Comr. in Mysore,

Bangalore, 25th October 1908.

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From

A. RANGASWAMI IYENGAR, Esq., B.A., B.E.,
Revenue Commissioner in Mysore,

To

The Secretary to the Government of
His Highness the Maharaja of Mysore,
General & Revenue Departments.

Sir,

In continuation of my letter No. D-1 of this date, I have the honor to forward herewith for the information and orders of Government copy of letter No. C 105 dated 22nd October 1908 received from the Deputy Commissioner, Kolar District, on the present seasonal conditions of the District especially of the Taluks of Goribidnur, Chikballapur, Sidlaghatta and Bagepalli and the Sub Taluk of Gudibanda.

In order that we may be prepared to meet the situation it is desirable that, in addition to the increased grant of one lakh of Rupees proposed for works under the Minor Tanks Restoration scheme, additional funds should be sanctioned under District Funds and loans as per margin subject to further consideration.

Drinking water wells etc.	Rs 20,000
Loans	Rs 30,000

(to be allotted by me to the affected districts according to their requirements.)

I have the honor to be,
Sir,
Your most obedient servant,

A. Rangaswamy

Revenue Commissioner.

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OFFICE OF THE REV. COMR. IN MYSORE,

Bangalore, 26th October 1908.

FROM

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A. RANGASWAMI IYENGAR, Esq., B.A., B.L.,
Revenue Commissioner in Mysore.

TO

The Secretary to the Government of
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A Rangaswamy
Revenue Commissioner.

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From

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Revenue Commissioner
in Mysore.

To

The Secretary to the Government of
H. H. the Maharaja of Mysore,
General & Revenue Departments.

Dated 25th
Despatched 26th October 08
Received
No. D-2

Enclosure No. 1.

Forwards Kolar Deputy Commissioner's letter reporting on the present seasonal conditions of the District, and requests sanction of additional funds—

Young & Co., Printers, 2,000—6-3-07.

No. C. 105

Deputy Commissioner's Office,
Kolar District,
Dated Camp Gudibanda, 22nd October 1908

From

C. Srikanteswara Iyer Esq. B.A., B.L.
Deputy Commissioner, Kolar District.

To

A. Rangaswami Iyengar Esq. B.A., B.L.
Revenue Commissioner in Mysore.

Sir,

I have the honor to submit the following report on the present condition of the District, based on my personal inspection of the Goribidnur, Chikballapur, Sidlaghatta and Bagepalli Taluks and Gudibanda Sub Taluk since my return from Mysore, and what I had observed through out the other parts of the District before I started therefor and the reports received since then.

2. The October rains eagerly looked for are still holding off and with the unusually warm and rainless days, the situation is daily assuming a graver aspect. Excepting in small isolated patches in favored localities or under Kapile wells, the standing dry crop is everywhere withering and in several places it is past redemption; and the dried up earless Ragi stalks are being scraped off to prevent ravages of white ants which are attacking them. The crops which should ordinarily have matured by this time - same, sajje, jola, sessamum, baragu, etc , - have more or less failed for want oftimely rains . There is scarcely any wet cultivation except under Kapile wells, and even these are failing. Most of the tanks, major and minor, are perfectly dry, and what little water there is in a few of the former has either been reserved by the ryots for cattle or is below the sluice level. The prospect is very gloomy and if we do not get rains during the next few days, we must be prepared to face a serious situation.

3. As usual the cooly and artizan classes already feel the pinch and it is reported they are having recourse to auxiliary food-stuffs, such as edible roots etc. Private credit and advances of grain have greatly diminished and the prices have sharply risen throughout the district. The fluctuations of prices at the last Chintamani and Chikballapur Santes were remarkable, Ragi at the latter place touching8½ seers per Rupee. the lowest figure yet recorded. Since then, however, the market has gained some strength chiefly as the result of the commendabl spirit of self-sacrifice in the merchants of Chikballapur, who have agreed to retail Ragi for local consumption at 11 seers a Rupee for some days to come; but the ruling price in the neighbourhood is 9½ to 10 seers, while at Kolar it is reported to have reached 9 seers the Rupee. Rice of second sort sells at 5 to 5½ seers a Rupee. These high prices have had a greatly depressing effect and are the most unfavorable ones since the year 1876-77, being so dangerously near what prevailed then as shown in the margin. The strain therefore, upon the poorer classes is beingincreasingly felt.

	Rice	Ragi
Present prices	5	8½ to 10
In 1876-77	4½	6

4. The present drought following a season of poor rainfall last year, water difficulty is beginning to be experienced and many of the drinking water wells are reported to be going low. If the North-east monsoon rains fail, we shall have to largely create temporary facilities for water in beds of tanks or eligible localities. The cattle, at present, are in a fairly healthy condition, but for Rinderpest still lurking in parts of Sidlaghatta, Bagepalli, and Goribidnur and Gudibanda. The throwing open of the State Forests for grazing has come in very opportunely. There is little or no fodder reserved anywhere and if the standing crops do not survive a fodder famine also may have to be combated.

5. The foregoing is a brief survey of the situation and what we will have to encounter if the rains fail. There is yet

to provide adequate employment to the needy, by putting on hands the execution of sanctioned works in placeswhere it is immediately required; and I solicit the favor of your obtaining early sanction of Government to the proposals enumerated in paras 6 to 9 above.

I have etc...

Sd/ C. Srikanteswara Iyer
Deputy Commissioner.

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Proceedings of the Government of His Highness the Maharaja of Mysore.

GENERAL AND REVENUE SECRETARIAT.
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Date of issue 31.10.08

Signed by Mr. K.S. Chandra Sekhara Iyer (forwarding)

READ—

Letters no. D.1 and D.2 dated the 25th Oct. 1908 from the Rev. Commr. in Mysore referring to the Tumkur District Deputy Commr's letter No. 255 dated the 21st Oct. 1908 and the Kolar District Deputy Commr's letter No. ~~ORDER THEREON.—No.~~ C.105 dated the 25th Oct. 1908 respectively on the Seasonal Conditions of their districts and soliciting sanction to certain proposals ~~intended~~ ~~to relieve the~~ for affording relief during ~~distress~~ ~~of the present~~ seasonal conditions ~~situation~~.

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SUBJECT

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Order thereon. No. 2541-57 of 31.10.08.

The Revenue Commr. reports that, in consequence of a general failure of rains, the seasonal conditions have become unfavourable, and that therefore it is necessary to take steps to help the people to face the situation and tide over the present season of distress. He requests that a sum of Rs. 150,000 may be placed at his disposal to be utilised as follows:—

i. Rs. 20,000, under District Funds, for carrying out works of public utility, such as drinking water wells, sanitary works in Municipalities, Unions etc,

ii. Rs. 30,000 for the grant of loans for the improvement of lands, for irrigation wells and for the grant of takavi advances; and

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and iii. Rs. 100,000, in addition to the one lakh already provided in the current year's budget, to be utilized under the Minor Tanks Restoration Scheme.

2. As regards item no. i. Government observe that District and Municipal Funds are at the disposal of the respective local bodies, and it is for the Deputy Crs., as Presidents thereof, to consult the Boards concerned and submit the necessary application to Government for sanction.

3. It is very desirable that [illegible] Deputy Crs. should be ~~in~~ a position to undertake the prompt construction of works [illegible] such as drinking water wells of general utility in affected areas. ~~But as the balance at the credit of the Local Funds General is already very low, it is inexpedient that a further provision should be made out of them for the purpose. Govt observe that in the Local Funds General Budget a provision of Rs [illegible],000 has been made for constructing~~

~~And if the Govt are accordingly pleased to sanction a sum of Rs 2,500 [illegible] for the purpose, to be distributed by the Rev. Comr. from time to time among the Districts concerned. Separate orders will issue later on as to whether the provision now ordered should be made available by the diversion of funds [illegible] already sanctioned for new works of a less urgent character which have not yet been started, or whether an additional grant should be sanctioned from the already low balance at the credit of the Fund.~~

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Constructing a bridge across the Tungabhadra at Honnali on the Shimoga - Harihar Road, and a provision of Rs 10,000 for ~~opening~~ out the last nine miles of the Punjur-Bedaguli-Handrahal-Chamrajnagar Road. These works do not seem to be of an immediately urgent nature, and in view of the seasonal conditions, it is desirable to utilize these amounts in carrying out other works likely to afford employment to people in the affected areas. If the works have not been started as yet, the Chief Engineer is requested to place as much of the amount as is available at the disposal of the Revenue Commr. to be utilized by him, in consultation with the Deputy Commrs., in starting test works wherever necessary. If these funds are found insufficient, Govt are prepared to place a further sum of Rs. 20,000 at the disposal of the Revenue Commr., to be utilized by him from time to time among the various districts concerned.]

4. Regarding the question of making a further provision for granting loans for the improvement of lands & for irrigation wells

3. It is very desirable at the same time that the Deputy Collrs. should be in a position to undertake promptly the ~~prompt~~ construction of works of more or less general utility, such as drinking water wells in affected areas. And the Govt are accordingly pleased to sanction a sum of Rs. 20,000 from Local Funds General for the purpose, to be distributed by the Rev. Collrs. from time to time among the districts concerned. Separate orders will issue later on as to whether the provision now ordered should be made available by the diversion of funds already sanctioned from Local Funds general for new works of a less urgent character which have not yet been started, or by a reduction ~~whether an additional grant should be sanctioned from~~ of the already low balance at the credit of the Funds.

4. Regarding the Question of making a further

provision for granting loans for the improvement of land and for irrigation wells, and for the grant of takavi advances the attention of the Rev. Commr. is invited to Govt. Order no. R. 2496-503/ Agri 38-08-4 dated the 28th October 1908, in which Govt have sanctioned a sum of Rs. 90,750 for the purpose. He is requested to fully utilize this amount in the first instance, making such allotments among the different districts and the different heads of loans as circumstances may require. When this amount becomes exhausted, he may, if necessary, submit a further application for funds, which the Govt will favourably consider

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5. As regards the third item, the provision of a sum of one lakh of rupees made in the current year's budget is intended to meet the cost of masonry and stonework to be undertaken by Govt agency under the Minor Tanks Restoration Scheme. Govt note that a sum of Rs. 43,211 has been appropriated for ~~the~~ incomplete works of ~~the previous Year~~ and that there is a sum of Rupees 56,789 available for fresh works. As the bulk of the provision is still unexpended, the proposal to make~~ing~~ an additional grant under this head may be submitted for the consideration of Government after the provision already made becomes nearly exhausted.

6. What, in the opinion of the Govt, is more important at the

present juncture is that the Deputy Commrs. should be in a position to make advances to raiyats for earth work to minor tanks in localities where there may be a demand for labour, and thereby afford encouragement and relief to villagers. Govt are therefore pleased to sanction, over and above the provision of one lakh already made under the Minor Tanks Restoration scheme, a sum of one lakh of rupees for such advances. The Comptroller is requested to ~~make the necessary additional provision of this account in the Ways and means Estimate and~~ place the ~~same~~ sum at the disposal of the Rev. Commr.

The Question of excusing, in special cases, ~~the~~ obligation to make repayment of the ~~loan~~ advances received ~~will be~~ is reserved for subsequent ~~considered later on.~~ consideration.

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Secretary.

To

The Rev. Commr. in Mysore.
The Depy. Commr. of District.
The Comptroller to Govt.
The Chief Engr. in Mysore
[illegible] to the Financial Sr.

Proceedings of the Government of His Highness the Maharaja of Mysore.

READ—

Letters No. D 1 and D 2, dated the 25th October 1908, from the Revenue Commissioner in Mysore, referring to the Tumkur District Deputy Commissioner's letter No. 255, dated the 21st October 1908, and forwarding the Kolar District Deputy Commissioner's letter No. C 1-05, dated the 25th October 1908, respectively on the seasonal conditions of their districts and soliciting sanction to certain proposals for affording relief during the present seasonal conditions.

No. R. 2541-51—AGRI. 69-08-3, DATED BANGALORE, 31ST OCTOBER 1908.

ORDER THEREON.—The Revenue Commissioner reports that in consequence of a general failure of rains, the seasonal conditions have become unfavorable and that therefore it is necessary to take steps to help the people to face the situation and tide over the present season of distress. He requests that a sum of Rs. 1,50,000 may be placed at his disposal to be utilized as follows:—

(i) Rs. 20,000 under District Funds for carrying out works of public utility, such as drinking water wells, sanitary works in Municipalities, Unions, etc.;

(ii) Rs. 30,000 for the grant of loans for the improvement of lands, for irrigation wells, and for the grant of takavi advances; and

(iii) Rs. 1,00,000 in addition to the one lakh already provided in the current year's budget to be utilized under the Minor Tanks Restoration Scheme.

2. As regards item No. (i) Government observe that District and Municipal Funds are at the disposal of the respective local bodies, and it is for the Deputy Commissioners, as Presidents thereof, to consult the Boards concerned and submit the necessary ap[illegible] Government for sanction.

3. It is ve[illegible]ble at the same time that the Deputy Commissioners should be in a position to undertake promptly the construction of works of more or less general utility, such as drinking water wells in affected areas. And the Government are accordingly pleased to sanction a sum of Rs. 20,000 from Local Funds General for the purpose, to be distributed by the Revenue Commissioner, from time to ti[illegible]ng the districts concerned. Separate orders will issue later on as to whe[illegible]provision now ordered should be made available by the diversion of [illegible] sanctioned from Local Funds General for new works of a less urgen[illegible] which have not yet been started, or by a reduction of [illegible] already low balance at the [illegible] of the fund.

4. Regarding the [illegible] making a further provision for granting loan for the improvement of lands[illegible]igation wells and for the grant of takavi advances, the attention of the Revenue Commissioner is invited to Government Order No. R. 2496-505—Agri. 38-08-4, dated the 28th October 1908, in which Government have sanctioned a sum of Rs. 90,750 for the purpose. He is requested to fully utilize this amount in the first instance, making such allotments among the different districts and the different heads of loans as circumstances may require. When this amount becomes exhausted he may, if necessary, submit a further application for funds, which the Government will favorably consider.

5. As regards the 3rd item, the provision of a sum of one lakh of rupees made in the current year's budget is intended to meet the cost of masonry and stone work to be undertaken by Government agency under the Minor Tank Restoration Scheme. Government note that a sum of Rs. 43,211 has been appropriated for incomplete works of the previous year and that there is a sum of Rs. 56,789 available for fresh works. As the bulk of the provision is still unexpended, the proposal to make an additional grant under this head may be submitted for the consideration of Government after the provision already made becomes nearly exhausted.

6. What, in the opinion of the Government, is more important at the present juncture is that the Deputy Commissioners should be in a position to make advances to raiyats for earthwork to minor tanks in localities where there may be ~~a~~ demands for labour, and thereby afford encouragement and relief to villagers. Government are therefore pleased to sanction over and above the provision of one lakh already

made under the Minor Tanks Restoration Scheme, a sum of one lakh of rupees for such advances. The Comptroller is requested to place the sum at the disposal of the Revenue Commissioner.

The question of excusing in special cases, the obligation to make repayment of the advances received by the raiyats is reserved for subsequent consideration.

K. S. CHANDRASEKHARA AIYAR,
Secy. to Govt., Gen. & Rev. Depts.

To—The Revenue Commissioner in Mysore.
The Deputy Commissioners of Districts,
The Comptroller to Government.
The Chief Engineer in Mysore.

Exd.—C. P. S.